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Applicant: Gregory E. Sancoff et al.  
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INTO TISSUE FOR THE APPROXIMATION AND TENSIONING  
OF TISSUE  
Examiner: D. D. Yabut  
Art Unit: 3734

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.